

What Women are Doing: Program for widows formed

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Women's Editor

AN ENTHUSIASTIC self-help group of 17 widows of all ages, from the 20s on up in years, has been recently organized by co-sponsors, the American Association for Retired Persons and the Mental Health Association in Vigo County, a United Way agency.

Meetings of the Widow to Widow program are scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. This month another meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27. All meetings will be held in the lower level meeting rooms at the Vigo County Public Library.

The meetings are open to all widows, and they will be welcome to attend both meetings if they wish. All meetings are free; there is no charge

of any kind, and participants do not have to be a member of either sponsoring organization to attend.

Further information may be obtained by calling 232-5681.



Widow to Widow program solicits participation in meetings

From left, Connie Porter, Josie Newport, Mary Drake and Elizabeth Gossage take part in the newly organized Widow to Widow program co-sponsored by

the American Association of Retired Persons and the Mental Health Association in Vigo County.
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Women in Communications, Inc.

Associations (WV)
**Communications group
chartered at Woods**

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A chapter of Women in Communications Inc. has been chartered at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

The charter making The Woods chapter the 166th of the national organization was granted during the recent Great Lakes Regional meeting in Fort Wayne.

SMWC's chapter has 20 members studying in a variety of fields, including business, computers, marketing and communications. The chapter has programs for students promoting both personal and professional growth.

Elected chapter officers for 1985-86 are Martha Brennan of Indianapolis, president; Terri Dahm of Fort Wayne, vice president; Dianna Wilimitis of Cutler, secretary; and Susan Corbett of Denver, Colo., treasurer.

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Council officers

Officers for the Terre Haute chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors were honored at a reception prior to the February board meeting at the Holiday Inn. Front row, from the left, are Brenda Culver, vice president, and Joan Foradori-Cook, president. Back row are Betty Brinza, past president and advisor; Jeane McMichael, Indiana president of WCR; Beverly Ernest, Indiana governor of WCR; and Betty Cass, treasurer. Gloria Jackson, secretary, was not present for the picture.

Associations (WU)

WCR spreading word in the Wabash Valley

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The Terre Haute Women's Council of Realtors is seeking to "get their message" to the Wabash Valley.

The women of the council are proud of their group that was organized in 1939 to assist and guide women who had an interest in developing a career in real estate. Prior to that time real estate boards and associations on local and state levels did not encourage or accept women into their organizations.

The women's councils banded together to lead the way for admittance of women members into real estate boards across the nation.

The Terre Haute chapter, which

meets on the third Wednesday of each month, is headed by Joan Foradori-Cook. Other officers include Brenda Culver, vice president; Gloria Jackson, secretary; Betty Cass, treasurer; and Betty Brinza, past president and advisor. Meetings are open to realtors, realtor-associates and affiliates.

The WCR provides the opportunity for women in real estate to participate on all levels of organized real estate. The council provides assistance and encourages its members to advance their real estate careers through continued education.

Women's Council of Realtors

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Women's International League
for Peace & Freedom

Life in Chicago Hull House 'enhanced social consciousness'

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By Kathy Gurchiek
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

The seven years she lived at Hull House in Chicago enhanced her social consciousness, Sullivan resident Helen Springer told members of the Terre Haute branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The local celebration of the international organization's 70th birthday Saturday included Springer's recollections of the settlement house founded by Jane Adams.

The high school history teacher was among 50 volunteers living at the settlement house until 1953, when she left at the age of 54.

"It was an oasis in a slum," she said of Hull House, which was comprised of 11 buildings. "A place where wave after wave of foreigners first came when they were in Chicago. Hull House was



HELEN SPRINGER
Was history teacher

the place that helped them," she said.

"I had a social consciousness but I hadn't done anything in social work" until then, she said.

The women's organization which Adams founded in 1915 also is based in principles of social consciousness, according to the group's informational literature.

It was founded during World War I when women from neutral and warring nations met in Hague to seek ways to end the bloody war. Adams and co-founder Emily Greene Balch received Nobel Peace Prizes for their work.

"It was there that they created a platform — like [President Woodrow] Wilson's 14 Points," Springer said. In fact, Wilson used some of that platform in forming his 14 points, she said.

In recent years, WILPF helped initiate the nationwide Nuclear Freeze Campaign which calls for a freeze on the production, development and deployment of nuclear weapons by the U.S. and U.S.S.R.

The organization claims to be the oldest continuously operating peace group in the world.

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It'll Be "A Symphony of Blossoms" When Women's Symphony Society Sponsors Annual Blossom Sale



A RAGGEDY ANN VASE (or is it Raggedy Andy?) would be just perfect in her room, Richelle Wangelin thinks, and her mother, Mrs. Richard Wangelin, agrees. Mrs. Wangelin will be one of the many volunteers helping to make the Women's Symphony Society's annual Blossom

Sale a big success. Proceeds of the event, held at Miller's Greenhouse, 1630 Plum St., will go to support the Terre Haute Symphony. This year's effort is titled "A Symphony of Blossoms" and will be carried out Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

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 Thirteen years ago the Women's Symphony Society began a major fund raising event, the Geranium Sale. Over the years it has evolved into the Blossom Sale, at which the group sells all types of bedding plants such as begonias, coleus, impatiens, and pansies, and vegetable plants like tomatoes, green peppers, and cabbage, as well as the perennial favorite, geraniums.

All proceeds of this year's event, titled "A Symphony of Blossoms," will go to support the Terre Haute Symphony.

The sale will be at Miller's Greenhouse, 1630 Plum St., on Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. Friday and Saturday hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

All the members of the Women's Symphony Society shown here will be working for the weekend of the sale.

WOMEN'S SYMPHONY SOCIETY



GERANIUMS GALORE — Bertha Cox and Trella Roloff look over a glorious group of geraniums, always popular at the Blossom Sale. When the Women's Symphony Society began its major fund raising event 13 years ago, the project was mainly a geranium sale. Over the years it evolved into the Blossom Sale. All types of bedding plants, and vegetables too, will also be available, plus dried flower arrangements and other larger house plants.

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MRS. GRANVILLE LOWE, Mrs. Alan Neal and Mrs. Victor B. Danek look over the splendid assortment of plants that will be available at the Blossom Sale.



A HIPPO-LIKE VASE caught the eye of Beth Bracher, who came along to Miller's Greenhouse to help her mother, Mrs. James Bracher, and other volunteers from the Women's Symphony Society of Terre Haute select an assortment of things for the annual Blossom Sale.

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RUBY MURRAY and Mrs. Paul Schaff appear to be delighted with these large decorative plants and assorted containers they're selecting for the Blossom Sale.

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Women's Symphony Society To Fold

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After 14 years of service in support of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, the Women's Symphony Society is in process of dissolving the organization.

Mrs. Mary Lou Fowler, president for the past two years, said Friday the Society's fiscal year ended June 30, and that nobody has agreed to succeed her as president, although other offices were filled for the coming year.

Under present by-laws, Mrs. Fowler noted, a president can serve only two consecutive years. She said the membership of between 150 and 200 persons, had been informed at the May luncheon that if no president could be found, the group would have to dissolve.

"We (the officers) are very sorry that this has been necessary," she added. "So far there

has been no response as to filling the presidential vacancy."

The Society, through money raising projects which included the Symphony Ball, blossom and candle sales, raised several thousand dollars which were used to help bring symphony music to Terre Haute, Mrs. Fowler pointed out.

"It became increasingly difficult to get members to chair these events in recent years," she added, "and in recent years the events did not produce the revenues once realized in previous years."

Mrs. Fowler also said that any new ideas about how the Society could be revitalized and continued would be welcomed and should be forwarded to the Symphony Association office in Reeve Hall on the Indiana State University campus.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Women's Transportation Club following installation at recent meeting. Seated—Mrs. Gail R. Cheek, president. Standing—Mrs. Lawrence Ellsworth, vice president; Miss Thelma Niemeyer, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph A. Rice, secretary.

Photo by Strausburg.

Clubs (T.I.T.)

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WOMEN'S Transportation Club

WCTU-100 years against liquor traffic



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**Only
Yesterday**

By Frances E. Hughes

Last month the Indiana Women's Christian Temperance Union observed the 100th anniversary of its founding with special celebrations in state, county and local unions of the organization.

Locally, an open house was held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Bruce, R.R. 31, for members of Maple Avenue and Central unions and honorary members. Mrs. Bruce is director of social service of the Indiana WCTU and president of the Vigo County Union of the Women's Christian Tem-

perance Union.

Frances Willard was founder of the national WCTU and a leader in the Woman's Suffrage Movement.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Vigo County is a part of an organization which has unions in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and in 70 nations.

This organization was founded in 1874 to unite Christians for "the protection of the home, the abolition of liquor traffic, the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law and promotion of a program to build public sentiment."

Central Union of WCTU was the first union in Terre Haute. It is presumed it was organized prior to 1890 since the 1890 state convention was held in Terre Haute. Mrs. Mary Haggart was state president at the time of the convention and Mrs. Edith Gillett was Vigo County president.

For many years, Central Union was the only group of WCTU in Terre Haute. In 1940, the Maple Avenue Union was organized and later two others were organized, neither of which is still in existence. They were the Wabash Valley Union of West Terre Haute and Plymouth Union. It was when the second union was organized that the Vigo County Union came into existence.

At one time, there were more than 100 WCTU members in Terre Haute. Now, there are 30 in Central Union and 18 in Maple Avenue Union.

For more than 50 years, Mrs. Anna Robinson Black was a leader and ardent worker in the organization in Terre Haute. Through her great interest in temperance work, she was able to get the WCTU program on Radio Station WBOW, which program was on the air each Sunday morning for about 18 years.

After the death of Mrs. Black in 1959, when she was 91 years old, Mrs. F. C. Fickert became program director, then Mrs. Stella Newport and Mrs. Margaret Cates served in that office until the program was terminated.

Mrs. Black served as local president for several years, was active in Loyal Temperance Legion for children from six to 12 years of age and Youth Temperance Council work for young people 12 to 30 years of age. She was a Gold Medal winner in

speech contests. Mrs. Black also was a charter member of the Woman's Department Club, the Kent Avenue Club and was a member of Centenary Methodist Church for 57 years.

Mrs. Stella Stimson also was an active worker in Central Union of WCTU. She and Mrs. Black attended conventions together and were sent as delegates to these conventions by the Vigo County unions to represent this district. She served as national citizenship director, as state treasurer for several years, and was honored by the state for her years of service in this capacity. Mrs. Stimson also was a delegate representing this district to the World Convention of WCTU.

In 1948, Mrs. F. C. Fickert was elected president of Vigo County Temperance Union. During her term as president, the state convention was held, beginning Oct. 31, 1951, at the Methodist Temple here.

In 1952, Mrs. Julie Simpson was elected president of the county organization, serving until 1956, when Mrs. Theodore Grob became president. She served until 1960, and was followed in the office by Mrs. Julia Barr, Mrs. Margaret Bartsch, Mrs. Marie Eldred and Mrs. Charles Watson.

Mrs. Elmer Bruce is serving as president of the Vigo County Union at this time, with Mrs. Mary Case as president of Central Union and Mrs. Ethyl Fry as president of Maple Avenue Union.

Other county officers are Mrs. Margaret Bartsch Cates, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Norton, recording secretary; Mrs. Ethyl Fry, promotion secretary and Mrs. David Campbell, treasurer.

The state convention, at which there was celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of WCTU, was in the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis in September.

Indianapolis was the founding city of the Indiana Women's Christian Temperance Union 100 years ago. Mrs. Zarelda Wallace, stepmother of General Lew Wallace, was the first state president. She also was one of the first leaders for women's suffrage in Indiana.

The official badge of the organization, a white ribbon bow pin, was adopted in 1887 and is still the official emblem of the WCTU in all countries of the world where it is organized.

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